

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: M. IWAYAMA et al. Confirmation No.: 9044  
Serial No.: 10/075,283  
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For: A METHOD OF SEARCHING DOCUMENTS AND A  
SERVICE FOR SEARCHING DOCUMENTS  
Group: 2165  
Examiner: N. Abel Jalil  
Customer No: 24956

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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September 2, 2008

Sir:

On July 31, 2008, a telephone interview was conducted between  
Daniel J. Stanger, counsel to Applicant, and Examiner N. Abel Jalil.

Applicant's separate statement of substance of interview follows:

Applicants thank the Examiner for granting the interview conducted on  
July 31, 2008. In the interview, arguments were presented to overcome the  
cited references, particularly Nishioka et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,457,004. The  
Examiner did not agree that the amendments filed on July 9, 2008 overcome  
Nishioka et al.

However, the Examiner indicated that reconsideration would be given  
based on additional arguments indicating specification support for the claimed

second database. The Applicants' representative indicated that Nishioka et al search a database, and refine or improve terms prior to re-searching the same database, in contrast to the claimed second database search. Accordingly, the Examiner suggested the additional arguments regarding specification support, together with consideration given to amending the claims so as to recite expansion of the search using the second database, for example.

The Examiner indicated that a Supplemental Response would be considered if submitted by the beginning of September, approximately. The Applicants, through their representative, thank the Examiner for her consideration.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (referencing attorney docket no. NIT-163-02).

Respectfully submitted,

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